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4th October, 1898. [2158]

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TENDERS will give their assistance.

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TICKETS AT LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Musical Dept., Hongkong, 4th October, 1898. [2180]

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Hongkong, 9th September, 1898. [24]

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DEATH

On the 25th September, at Yokohama, DAVID
Gordon, a native of Monroe, Scotland, and officer
in the N.Y.K., aged 42 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, October 7th 1898.

The public will have been pleased to learn, from Mr. LEIGH's letter published in our issue of Wednesday last, that the Syndicate that obtained an Ordinance in 1883 for the construction of tramways in this city is only waiting for the completion of the Praya Reclamation before commencing operations. Doubts exist, we believe, as to whether the Syndicate in question has now any legal existence, owing to the operation of the section of the Ordinance providing for the cessation of powers in certain events, and, moreover, the principal line which the Ordinance of 1883 authorised the construction of is not the one which it is now proposed to construct, the proposed route having departed from Queen's Road to Des Voeux Road (the old Praya). From a legal point of view, therefore, it seems probable that a commencement will have to be made *de novo*, but it is none the less satisfactory to find that the remaining members of the original Syndicate are at last, after the lapse of fifteen years, prepared to go on with the project. In section 3 of the Ordinance the Hon. F. B. JOHNSON, Mr. F. D. SASCON, Mr. C. V. SMITH, and Mr. W. K. HUNTER, "or the survivors or survivor of them," were declared the promoters, and the powers conferred were vested in them. The original enterprise did not succeed in getting beyond the construction of the Peak Tramway, which was in fact an entirely separate undertaking with a different promoter and which was only included with the proposed low level tramways in one enactment as a matter of legal convenience, the rights of the nominal promoters under the Ordinance being immediately assigned to the real promoter, Mr. FINDLAY SMITH, who carried it through successfully. The low level scheme languished. Bad times set in which were unfavourable to the raising of capital, and subsequently the Praya Reclamation scheme took shape, bringing with it the belief that it would be better to wait until a new and wider road was available instead of proceeding with the authorised line along Queen's Road. In 1893, however, a party of Canadian capitalists put in an appearance and applied for the concession, being apparently willing to take the risk of running the line along Queen's Road, notwithstanding the prospective availability of the old Praya with its wider roadway. The original Syndicate, or its representatives, were willing to transfer their rights under the Ordinance, whatever those rights might be, and seemed anxious to do all in their

power to further the enterprise. The Government, however, did not receive the proposals favourably: they were willing to sanction a tramway from Blue Buildings to Shekwan, but not a line running through the town, which was what the capitalists chiefly desired. The scheme, therefore, fell through, which caused some disappointment at the time, but it was perhaps as well that it was not proceeded with, seeing that Des Vespas Road, which is now almost ready, will afford a much superior route for the line. That the enterprise when undertaken will prove a financial success may be concluded from a glance at the great stream of traffic passing from east to west and west to east at all hours of the day. A correspondent, however, has drawn attention to the competition the line will have to meet in the shape of jinrikishas. This point was referred to in an article in this column on the 1893 project, in which it was remarked that there was no instance in Europe or America of tramways having to compete with two-wheeled cab fives, which is practically what they would have to do here, where the jinrikishas take the place of the cab and the legal fare is five cents for a quarter-of-an-hour's journey. Now, as five cents represents little more than a penny. We believe, however, that if the tramway can carry a passenger the same distance as a jinrikisha for the same money, it will command the bulk of the traffic, for, landsy as the jinrikishas is, it is not a vehicle that one would ordinarily select in preference to a well appointed tram car, and, moreover, jinrikishas are not always to be found when they are wanted.

Members of the Victoria Recreation Club are warned by advertisement not to pay their Septem- ber bills unless accompanied by a bill from the Sec. Treasurer, the bills having been

stolen. The Club is to be blamed for this.

A ricossa coolie was yesterday sold \$10, or a month, on the complaint of Miss Mary Roger, daughter of Mr. J. H. Hodges, of East Point Sugar Refinery, for refusing to complete his work and also for using insulting and abusive language to complainant.

The King's Own Regiment Band will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening:—

Overture Weber
Reminiscences of "Weber" Gurney
Piccolo Solo "The Deep Blue Sea" Horner
Gavotte Peter Pindar
Percussion Selection Paul Jones Banquette
Valse Mein Schuster Tag in Berlin" Gungl

At the Magistracy yesterday a coolie was fined \$25, or six weeks, for carrying arms without volvers and 500 rounds of cartridges without a license. He said he did not know the box contained arms. He was carrying it for a man he was employed at No. 2 Peel Street. Some Chinese customers told him to carry the arms on board the *Patshai* and take them to Canton. He was promised nothing for carrying them.

The final match in the Polo Tournament will commence at 4 p.m. to-day between The Royal Artillery and The King's Own.

E. A. Wilkinson 1 Major Gowen
Capt. Tancock 2 Capt. Paton
" Simonds 3 McLauchlan
" Burney 4 Lauria

Coldwell Rowlandson and the officers of The King's Own will be "at home" on the ground.

They trust that their friends will take this notice as an invitation.

The N.C. Daily News of the 4th October says:—Some very alarming reports were

assured, but nothing could well have happened for a telegram received yesterday from the same source made no mention at all of the news of the previous day. As regards the political situation we can state emphatically on the highest authority that no alarming or important news has been received, but the contrary is true: they themselves are quite worthy of the confidence given to them.

The Director of Customs, Brigadier General

Wildman, and the leading business men of Macau are in full sympathy with the revolutionaries.

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The stamp was defaced by what appeared to be the Chinese Imperial Post Office shop. It seemed to be dated 12th day of the 1st month. He could not say when or where it was at the Hongkong Post Office, or whether it was received there. Another letter marked "B" handed to him he said was posted in the Imperial Chinese Post Office, Shanghai, and received in Hongkong on the 29th March. The letter "A" showed that the letter was received in the morning, and was one of the first delivered, arriving at eight o'clock. The "A" had come to Hongkong Post Office the clerk in charge at the time as a man opened the mail bags. There was a regular rule. It frequently happened that two letters stuck together and in this way one would miss being sorted. About eight postmen went out at each delivery, all the posts being confined to the city of Victoria. Each man covered a particular district, but when there was a large amount of correspondence two went out to one district. He did not think defendant had any particular district. He only went out occasionally, as he was not a regular postman. With regard to the letter marked "C" it came from Canton-China and was received at Hongkong Post Office on the 15th March. According to him it should have gone out for delivery at ten o'clock in the morning. The letter marked "D" was received at Foshow and was received in Hongkong on the 4th of May last before 2 p.m. There were six deliveries in Victoria, beginning at 8 a.m. Defendant was in charge of the Chinese letters. He sorted them along with others. Defendant got 28 a month. No one knew how many letters a man took out.

The hearing was further adjourned.

THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

A Washington despatch of the 28th August to the New York Commercial says—

"There will be no modification of the tariff now in force at Manila, in view of the complaints of the merchants. They are represented as expressing surprise and disappointment that the prohibitive Spanish duties have been retained under the administration of General Merritt, the Military Governor, and a dispatch from Hongkong says that the merchants there have requested Consul-General Wilden to have these duties re-tariffed." The dispatch continued, "they will prevent the importation of American goods into Manila. Merchants here, in shipping goods to Manila, did so on the understanding that the Manila tariff would be in accord with existing American customs law."

This dispatch was brought to the attention of Secretary Taft, who said that the complaint was well founded, and that if Consul-General Wilden had made a request for a modification of the tariff it had not reached him.

"The tariff put in force at Manila," he said, "is the preferential tariff in favour of Spanish products and goods imported from Spain, with the provisions making the Catholic Church a participant in the revenue. As far as the Spanish Government had suffered, no provision is made for Spanish goods or products, and if they can't go into Manila on account of the tariff I suppose they will have to stay out, for the present at least. But I do not see why the goods of other nations can get in, either. May be," he added, "the Hongkong merchants find they cannot buy the American consular officers as they have been accustomed to do those of other nations in that vicinity."

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Marie Jelzen from Hongkong, 121 Chinese. Per Choung, from Shanghai, & Mrs. and Master Brady (of Canton) and Mr. Wickings. Per Lucy from Hongkong from Shanghai, Messrs. J. A. Setchell, Henry Smith, B. F. Moore, H. A. Brown, K. H. Young, Yokohama, Miss Agnes K. Hall, Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Soto, Mr. Kipling and Mr. Leon L. Treven and Lupton, Miss Louise, Shodzko, and Eusele. For Kobe, Miss Lewis, and Mrs. Eusele. For Siam from Yokohama, Messrs. Bourne, Morris de Ligny, Telphard, Toucharl, and Lee. From Shanghai, Mr. Bedford, For Singapore from Yokohama, Mr. W. Kato, Jim, Miss Saito, Mr. M. Wada, For Ceylon, Mr. G. C. T. Misra, L. Treven and P. Fuller, from Nagasaki, Messrs. Krapotkin and Makovsky. For Bombay from Yokohama, Messrs. Miyakawa and Crawford. For Port Said from Shanghai, Mr. Molokoff. For Marselles from Shanghai, Messrs. Redding and A. Lab. Mrs. W. V. Murray, Mr. G. A. Tupper, Mr. P. Hibbert, Consul Fray Leon, Mrs. F. Allen, Mr. Magnan, Mrs. Vandor, Mrs. Dryan, and Mrs. Lee; from Yokohama, Messrs. Glaser, Soland, Matsukawa, and Banadean.

DEPARTED.

Per Hugo Mayr, for Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Messrs. E. L. Lovell, Dr. D. F. Yerkes, Mr. Estati, Rubins, Schreiter, Encomio, F. H. Hunt, Mikars, Sane, and Leon Bocher.

LINO REPORTS.

The British steamer *Indrawati*, from Amoy 5th Oct., had fresh northerly winds with fine weather. The Austrian steamer *Trista*, from Kobe 1st October, had hazy weather with strong N.E. wind and high sea, too high to lay to. The British steamer *Plaza C. C. Kua*, from Kuk-ki-shang 29th Sept., had moderate to light S. and S.W. wind and the weather to Pulo Ohi. From Pulo Ohi to Padura moderate to fresh W.N.W. and fine. From Padura to Paracels fresh to strong N. and N.E. wind, high sea, thick and squally. From Paracels to Rock strong N.E. wind, high sea, very rough squalls. Co. steles. Wonghai and Kwangtung in port.

EXPORT CARGO.

Per steamer *Iason*, sailed on the 19th Sept. For London—450 boxes tea, 20 cases essential oil, 3 cases shurewax, 47 cases black woodware, 3 cases curios, 4 cases cigars, 50 cases China ware, 10 cases vermiculite, 300 boxes tea, 100 boxes cassia, 100 boxes henna, 100 boxes silk, 100 boxes 100 boxes hemp, 840 boxes and 100 boxes preserves, 5 packages 840 boxes, and 40 packages sundries. For London and/or Manchester—100 boxes salt. For Liverpool—1,410 boxes hemp, 16 cases curios, and 34 packages sundries. For Glasgow—150 boxes tea, 60 boxes black woodware, 1,000 boxes tea. For Antwerp—180 boxes feathers, and 10 cases bristles. For New York—14 cases hats, and 25 cases essential oil.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that we have transferred as from the 1st of July, 1898, to the OSTASIATISCHE HANDELS-GESELLSCHAFT.

(East Asiatic Trading Company)

of HAMBURG all our business as carried on in HONGKONG and CHINA with the assets and liabilities thereto.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1898.

KARLING, BUSHMANN & MENZELL.

REFERRING to above notice we have as from the 1st of July, 1898, opened branches of our business in HONGKONG and CHINA and have appointed Mr. G. H. HARLING, as General Manager thereof, and authorized Mr. A. BUNNE to sign per procuratum of HONGKONG and Mr. M. BORN-KESSEL to sign pro procuratum at CANTON.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1898.

OSTASIATISCHE HANDELS-GESELLSCHAFT.

(East Asiatic Trading Company.)

NOTICE OF FIRM.

THE Undersigned have this Day opened the premises at 43, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST as a CYCLE EMPORIUM and beg to solicit the patronage of the public of Hongkong. A first-class selection of CYCLES (LADIES' and GENTS') on view and inspection is freely invited. Repair, upholstery and accessories supplied.

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1897.

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First Class Foreign and Chinese Risks at Current
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Hongkong, 16th November, 1897.

HONGKONG FIRE OFFICE.

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